

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, which doesn't necessarily allow for balanced information and presentations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is best served when both sides of an issue are aired. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and hear their opinions and information, as well as more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions illustrate why media ownership rules should be strengthened, not weakened. Thank you.